

1. (currently amended) A method for purifying phosphoric acid, which comprises bringing phosphoric acid containing arsenic into contact with ~~(A) hydrogen halide alone or (B) hydrogen halide~~ in the presence of a compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions, wherein the compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions is a halide of iron (II), copper (I) or tin (II), thereby to remove the arsenic from the phosphoric acid.

2. (canceled).

3. (previously amended) The purification method of claim 1, wherein the compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions is added in a proportion of less than 1 wt% of a weight of the phosphoric acid.

4. (previously amended) The purification method of claim 1, wherein the compound capable of generating hydrogen halide under acidic conditions is a chloride of iron(II), copper(I) or tin(II).

5. (original) The purification method of claim 1, wherein the hydrogen halide is hydrogen chloride.

6. (original) The purification method of claim 1, wherein the phosphoric acid has a  $P_2O_5$  concentration of not less than 72.4%.

Claims 7-10 (cancelled).

Add the following new claims 11-13.

11. (new) A method for purifying phosphoric acid, which consists essentially of bringing phosphoric acid containing arsenic into contact with hydrogen halide.

12. (new) The purification method of claim 11, wherein the hydrogen halide is hydrogen chloride.

13. (new) The purification method of claim 11, wherein the phosphoric acid has a  $P_2O_5$  concentration of not less than 72.4%.